# Additional Opportunities:

Family Interaction Program: Volunteers support children in out-of-home care by supervising the family interaction with their parents.

Pals Program: Volunteer mentors spend time in a recreational or learning activity with a child, age 3 or older, that has been referred by Brown County Child Protective Services. Volunteer mentors help the child adjust to the separation or loss of a parent, enhance self-esteem and confidence, and learn new skills.

Parent Pals Program: Volunteer mentors spend time with parents referred by Brown County Child Protective Services who have identified an interest in having an informal support in their lives.

Volunteer Guardians: A legal guardian is a decision maker and an advocate for those who are incompetent due to aging, a developmental disability, chronic mental illness or alcohol and drug abuse.

General Volunteers: If committing to a specific program does not fit in with your interests or schedule, Brown County Health and Human Services is always seeking assistance with miscellaneous tasks and events.

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#### **About:**

Brown County Health and Human Services relies heavily on the assistance of our Volunteer Drivers. Those willing to help typically assist with transporting children and families safely to and from authorized visits and appointments.

Examples of assistance needed include:

- Bringing children that reside in out -of-home care to scheduled visits with their parents.
- Transporting a family lacking a safe/stable vehicle to an appointment.
- Picking a child up from school.



#### **Qualifications:**

- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must carry the state legal limits of liability insurance on their vehicle.
- Display a safe driving record.
- Be dependable, flexible, patient and assertive. Volunteers should also be sensitive to the needs of the families we work with.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Maintain auto insurance in accordance with state laws.
- Inform the Department of any changes in your driving record.
- Submit a mileage reimbursement form on a monthly basis.
- To observe agency rules of confidentiality.

## Time Commitment:

You have the ability to decide how often you would like to volunteer and can choose to accept or decline requests.

#### **Process:**

Volunteers interested in this program can expect the following steps:

- Complete an application which includes consenting to a background check and providing three favorable references.
- Submitting a copy of a valid driver's license and verification of auto insurance.
- 3) An overview of the program and training is provided.
- 4) Discussion of availability and transportation opportunities will then take place.

